



## Time for Latte?

*Characters -- Eight to ten young women: Jennifer, Karen, Carrie, a coffee patron, a coffee barista and five computer users (the coffee patron and the barista may also be computer users). Setting: In a long line at a popular Coffee Shop*

**Coffee Barista:** One large hot chocolate with extra whipped cream.

**Coffee Patron:** That's me. Thank you.

**Coffee Barista:** Next, please. What can I get for you today?

**Karen:** Double espresso, please. Wow, the line today is really long!

**Coffee Barista:** A double espresso coming right up. It's been busy all morning.

*Coffee Barista starts working on making the espresso. Karen turns around to look at the long line.*

**Karen:** Hi, Jennifer. How are you doing?

**Jennifer:** Oh, hello, Karen. I'm fine. Busy as always, but fine.

**Karen:** I understand being busy. Hey, why don't you take a little break and join us at church tomorrow evening for our LWML meeting. It won't take much time and it can be a lot of fun. We have a Bible study and a quick meeting and then we eat and talk for a little while.

**Jennifer:** Oh, I don't know right now. I'll think about it.

**Karen:** OK, but I hope to see you there.

**Coffee Barista:** Here's your espresso, Ms. Have a great day.

*Karen exits with coffee in hand.*

**Coffee Barista:** Next, please.

**Jennifer:** Oh, a large mocha latte, please. *(Talking to herself)* How on earth does Karen think I can make it to an LWML meeting. I already told her that I'm very busy these days. Between my job, taking care of the kids, and

everything else I have going on, how am I supposed to fit in an LWML meeting? I didn't even have time to make my own coffee this morning.

*As Jennifer turns to leave the coffee shop, she runs into another young woman from church.*

**Jennifer:** Good morning, Carrie.

**Carrie:** Hello, Jennifer. You look deep in thought. What's on your mind?

**Jennifer:** Not much. I was just thinking about something Karen had asked me. She invited me to tomorrow night's LWML meeting, but I just don't feel like I have the time. Not to mention the fact that I'm too young to join that group. All of the women that I know in the LWML are older women. I don't mean old, but you know, retired or close to that age. What would I have in common with them?

*Carrie pulls out a mirror and looks into it.*

**Carrie:** Wow! I never really thought of myself as ... OLD.

**Jennifer:** What are you talking about, Carrie? You're not old!

**Carrie:** But you just said that the women in LWML are old.

**Jennifer:** Well, they are, aren't they? Anyway what does it matter? You're not in LWML, are you?

**Carrie:** Why, yes, I am.

**Jennifer:** How do you have time for it? You're just as busy as I am, if not more, with your family.

**Carrie:** I do what I can, when I can.

**Jennifer:** And the women are OK with that?

**Carrie:** Absolutely! They understand. They have all been in my shoes at some point in their lives and they are just happy that I'm willing to give some of my time to serve the Lord. They would be glad to have you join as well.

**Jennifer:** I just don't know. My time is very limited and valuable.

**Carrie:** That is why you do what you can, when you can.

*Carrie and Jennifer sit down to visit.*

*On the side, people are doing the following little scenes, one at a time: Two people sitting at separate tables in bathrobes with coffee using computers. Three others are dressed in business attire, also at separate tables using computers.*

**Jennifer:**           *(Nodding toward the two in bathrobes.)* What on earth are they doing?

**Carrie:**           That's Rebekah and Renee. They are reading an online devotion. They do it each week. It's their time to spend with God. They log onto the LWML website at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) (**everyone in skit says website page together**), pull up a devotion to read, and study each morning. There are several women from our LWML group who do this and after they have read the devotion they have an online chat to discuss and explore the devotion together.

**Jennifer:**           Hmmm ... I use a computer.

**Carrie:**           Look. *(Indicating two in business attire.)* Do you see Julie and Kristin? They are text messaging each other about prayer chain needs. Once they receive the text message, they will take a few minutes during their day to pray for the request.

**Jennifer:**           Well ... *(Seeing the fifth computer user.)* And what is Monika up to?

**Carrie:**           Monika teaches art during the school year. Over the fall break, she is working on an Easter story coloring book. She plans to write out the Easter story and draw a few pictures to illustrate it. When she is finished, she will have it photo copied and on Easter morning the LWML women are going to give the booklet and crayons to all the children who come church. It's her way to use her talents for a service project with LWML. She can't make it to every meeting but she helps when she can.

**Jennifer:**           Wow! I had no idea that our LWML group was so flexible and involved. I always just thought of them as the women who did the sewing projects from the church.

**Carrie:**           Well, some of the women do the traditional sewing projects like you said, but the women of the LWML do many different things. And all of our women save their mites for our mission projects.

**Jennifer:**           What are mites?

**Carrie:**           Mites are a spare change offering. The idea is based on the Bible story where the widow gave her two copper mites, which is all that she had. It didn't seem like much at the time, but it was given in love. Our spare

change may not seem like much, but when you add it together with the mites from our LWML group, zone, district, and national levels, they become pretty MIGHTY. Added together, they can do some really amazing work for the Lord.

**Jennifer:** So you have Mighty Mites?

**Carrie:** (*chuckling*) Yes, we do.

**Jennifer:** And you just give your spare change?

**Carrie:** Yes. I find it very easy to leave my mite box on my dryer. As I do my family laundry and find change in the pockets, I drop it in my mite box. Then I will usually add some bills, too. That's what works for me. Other women have other ways of collecting their mites, which work as well. (*Short pause.*) You know, Jennifer, you really should give LWML a try. Your age isn't the important thing. Being willing to get involved to serve the Lord is the only requirement.

*Carrie and the other seven women share these Bible words of encouragement:*

*A man's steps are directed by the Lord. How then can anyone understand his own way? (Prov. 20:24)*

*There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. (1 Cor. 12:5)*

*This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. (2 Cor. 9:12)*

*"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. (Eph. 6:7-8)*

*You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. (Gal. 5:13)*

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10)*

*So Eli told Samuel, Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. (1 Sam. 3:9)*

*Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. (Ps. 100:2 KJV)*

**Carrie:** You should really think about coming tomorrow night. I'll even pick you up.

**Jennifer:** I guess I could give LWML a try.

**Carrie:** Sounds great, I'll pick you up at 7:00. See you tomorrow night.

**Jennifer:** See you then, thanks.

*Carrie and Jennifer exit in different directions.*

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